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WHO IS TO BLAME?

Mr. Thurston's newspaper takes exceptions to posters advertising Hawaii and the Hawaiians appearing in every part of the United States. We agree with Mr. Thurston and our "kokua" will probably make him feel happy.

Mr. Thurston would of course never allow a hula dance to be with in his dime museum show when he displayed the Kilauea Panorama and the Hawaiian girls were a course unknown quantities to Mr. Thurston in the days gone by when they danced the hula for his financial benefit.

We ask Mr. Thurston what is the reason that a stigma of immorality is put on Hawaii? Who are to blame? Who are the slanderers of the character of the Hawaiians except the crowd represented by Mr. Thurston and his clique?

There are frail and immoral women here but who made them so? A few weeks ago a party of tourists wanted an "altogether" hula, and the tourists who are millionaires and on the top of society in their homes were composed of a party of an elderly couple, two young girls, 18 and 20 years of age, and one unmarried young fellow.

The party was received in every house where the Thurston outfit calls. The expenses of the hula in the altogether amounted to \$400. There were three pretty girls and one young man, and they danced well—so we are told—and not one of them, regardless of sex, had a stitch of clothes on.

It is said that such an exhibition should take place, but we have reason to believe that the same performance could be arranged for in Chicago or New York.

We object to the slurs against the Hawaiians, frequently preferred by Mr. Thurston's organ, because we believe that the blame for such an exhibition as referred to, fall on the "educated" men and women, who for two hours could calmly drink champagne, applaud an exposition of nudity and the next day contribute to the charity box of a very fashionable Church.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

If we are to have a decent eruption of the big Volcano, as prophesied by the weather bureau, let the lava run towards Governor Dole. He is at Pauwawaa at present and would be pretty in a fossilized stage.

If "Pele" breaks loose, it is safe to predict that John Emmelhuth will make a kick and get out an injunction. Madame Pele has no rights to prevent a legislator of his "hot air."

The laws relating to guardians are very lax and frivolous. We know of cases where guardians never showed their faces where their wards were placed, and never consulted those who stood in loco parentis in the best interest of the wards. Of course the guardians drew commissions, and didn't give a fig for the well fare of the wards. We believe in the European system of having a public administrator and a public bureau taking charge of the affairs of all orphans. It is a matter we have frequently referred to in our columns, because we consider the system necessary, even in regard to our having an income tax. The Legislature failed to pass the measure, but "guardians" of minors can yet be attended to under existing laws.

The Supreme Court of California rendered an interesting decision the other day. It is interesting because under our peculiar circumstances here it was a considerable bearing. The case refers to a child being given by the parents to friends for divers reasons. The child is brought up and cared for and, without actually being legally considered the child of the friend. Suddenly the fatherly instinct arises and he steals the child, and the Supreme Court ordered him to pay five dollars a week for the time the child had been in the care of the man who stood in loco parentis or go to jail until the amount was paid. Some of our Hawaiian friends will laugh and say "funny kind of courts in California."

We hope that the business men of Honolulu feel as indignant as we do against the Thurston organ, which, in referring to alleged financial reverses of Gear and Lansing says:

"Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Lansing, who is in no way responsible for the state of the firm's affairs. The trouble might have been avoided in a large degree if the senior member had not spent the time doing questionable politics, thus alienating the responsible classes and driving away trade, which ought to have been given to the conservation of Gear & Lansing's business. The hostile attitude of the leading business houses of Honolulu which compelled Mr. Gear to give up his plans last fall to secure a Republican nomination, undoubtedly reacted upon the firm. It is an illustration, of which the town may soon have another, of mixing business with politics."

Does Mr. Thurston mean to say that if a man doesn't support his corrupt, narrow minded system of politics, that he must be ruined and boycotted? Does Mr. Thurston believe that we are still living under a political system where he could go into revolutions (in his bed) and have the rest of us locked up and "hanged." We have no reason to express any friendly feelings towards Mr. Gear, but if that gentleman is "down" we say it is mighty contemptible to kick him as the Advertiser did this morning.

Look Him Up

The wife of W. Mossman, who is chief clerk in the office of the Deputy High Sheriff, was scared very badly Monday night by a stranger entering the cottage on School street, occupied by the Mossmans.

The intruder appeared to be of his base, but Mrs. Mossman with her baby in her arms could not be bluff, but ordered the fellow to get out, and bravely showed him the way to the Nuuanu street tram car line. Mr. Mossman was at the police station at the time but is looking for the fellow, who is supposed to be crazy.

Must Not Pray in a Sweater

PARIS, June 7.—Count and Countess Boni Castellane, attired in loud biking costumes, sought entrance to the Cathedral in Rouen today and were denied admittance by the sexton.

Two other couples, aristocrats and members of the Castellane party, were also barred for the same reason. The Count was furious. He protested shrilly at the top of his voice for twenty minutes, but the sexton was firm. At last the Count and Countess went to the palace of the Bishop to seek permission from him to enter the cathedral in their outrageous attire.

In response to the card and requests of Count Castellane, the Bishop sent word that he could see no reason why the sexton should be overruled.

Then the Count proclaimed that he would complain to the Minister of Public Worship in Parliament, demanding that the Bishop be censured.

The cathedral at Rouen is the property of the State, and the priests are subsidized.

Count Boni wore a scarlet sweater, black breeches, gorgeously variegated socks and a bicycling cap that fairly yelled.

The Countess wore a black sailor hat, a red sweater of more subdued tone, a black short skirt and thick stockings and shoes.

Count Castellane, his wife and his friends started Tuesday from Chateau de Mira, the Castellane estate near Douai, with the intention of taking a leisurely tour through Normandy. The party rode on tandem. The cathedral at Rouen, which is the most interesting in France, was the first point of interest they visited.

Vestal-Marsh

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Vestal announce the engagement of their daughter Laura to David N. Marsh. The marriage will take place July 15th. Miss Vestal is a graduate of the State Normal School, and has been teaching during the past year at Waiapa, H. I. She is an accomplished musician and has rare talent. Mr. Marsh is the son of Professor Marsh of Forest Grove, Or., and is engaged in the newspaper and real estate business in Hilo, Hawaii.—San Jose Mercury.

Lundahl is All Right.

In the matter of the guardianship of Carl Lundahl, an insane person, P. D. Kellett, guardian, has been discharged, it appearing that Lundahl is no longer insane. The accounts, which were approved by the court, charges the guardian with \$1,159, and petitions for the allowance of \$251.75.

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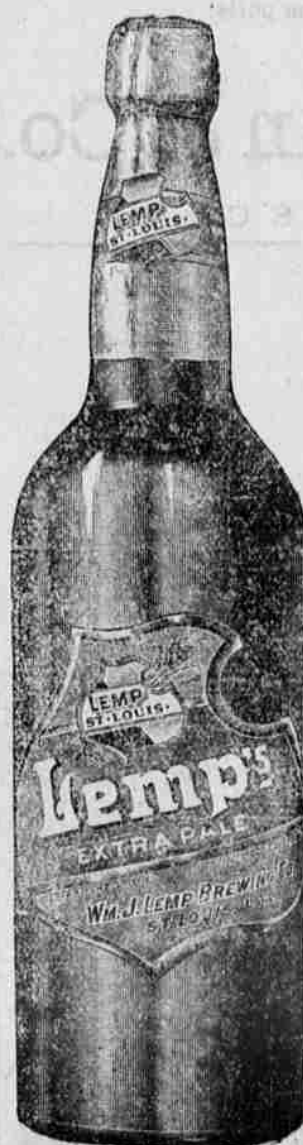
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